

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant :	Sadiq et al.	Art Unit :	3623
Serial No. :	10/671,876	Examiner :	William V. Saindon
Filed :	September 29, 2003	Conf. No. :	7312
Title :	FLEXIBLE WORKFLOW MANAGEMENT		

**Mail Stop Amendment**

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 26, 2008, Applicants elect Group II, claims 15-26 drawn to the creation, validation and execution of a process model, as defined by the Examiner. Applicants also note that new claims 31-48 have been added in the Preliminary Amendment, which has been co-filed herewith. Claims 31-48 are generally directed to a method and a computer program product for the creation, validation and execution of a process model, and recite features similar to those recited in claims 15-26 of the elected group.

Although Applicants do not necessarily concur in the Examiner's restriction requirement, Applicants make this election without traverse in order to advance the prosecution of this application without further delay or expense. Pursuant to Applicants' election, claims 15-26 and 31-48, remain pending in this application, and claims 1-14 and 27-30 are presently cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the cancelled claims by filing one or more divisional applications or continuation applications as provided by 35 U.S.C. §§121, and 251, 37 C.F.R. §1.177, MPEP §§804.01, 1450, and 1451, and as otherwise provided.

Although Applicants have made this election without traverse, Applicants have done so solely to advance the prosecution of this application without further delay or expense. By electing without traverse, Applicants do not adopt, concede, or subscribe to any of the Examiner's statements, characterizations, or analyses set forth in the restriction requirement, nor the propriety of the restriction requirement. Applicants hereby expressly reserves the right to

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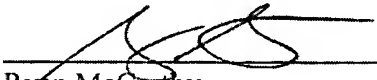
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dispute any and all statements of the Examiner in the restriction requirement later in any subsequent applications or causes of action relating to this application, or any other application.

Please apply any charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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